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COMMUNICATION

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants wish to withdraw the Response to Restriction Requirement previously filed on May 14, 1998, and amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

19 (Amended). A purified human SDF-5 protein produced by the steps of

- (a) culturing a cell transformed with a DNA molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence from nucleotide #316 to #1143 as shown in SEQ ID NO:1; and
- (b) recovering and purifying from said culture medium a protein comprising the amino acid sequence from amino acid #21 to amino acid #295 as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

REMARKS

Previously, Applicants had elected to prosecute the claims of Group I. After further consideration and discussion with the Examiner, and in light of the above amendments, Applicants withdraw the previous election, and instead elect to prosecute the claims of Group IV. This election is made with traversal.

As pointed out in Applicants' earlier communication, the claims of Groups I, II and III all relate to subject matter which should be examined together. In copending application 08/848,439,